

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2009, which set a one-month period for response, making this a response due by April 30, 2009.

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required an election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted: Group I, claims 2, 3, 7-9, 22, and 23, drawing to a tool with a specific fastening device configuration; Group II, claims 3-6, 10, 19-21, 24, 25 and 28-30, drawing to a tool with a specific actuator/switch configuration; Group III, claims 11-15, drawn to a tool with a specific top handle configuration; and Group IV, claims 16-18, drawn to a tool with a specific housing configuration. It was noted that claim 1 links inventions I-IV and the claim 27 will be examined with the elected group.

In response to the election requirement, the Applicant hereby elects Group II, a tool with a specific actuator/switch, as defined in claims 3-6, 10, 19-21, 24, 25, and 28-30.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended in this response to more clearly define the present invention over the cited art by adding that the detachable grip is substantially rod-shaped and/or has a cross section permitting it to be grasped around with one hand of the operator.

The power tool disclosed by Knouse does not have a regular barrel grip if the top handle is detached. In addition, there is no extra switch. This structure

represents significant risk to the operator: the use of the Knouse saw without the top handle would cause a deadly rise for the user because the user would have great difficulty controlling the saw during operation so that the saw could kick back, causing injury.

Furthermore, an additional, completely new solution for fixing the electric cord if the top handle were detached would be required, since the cord of the Knouse saw is led through the its top handle to its switch and further into its housing A.

Claim 1 as amended is believed to be allowable over the art of record.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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